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SUBJ: ANIMAL FATS AND PROTEINS MARKET SURVEY

REF: BAGHDAD 364

USINT BAGHDAD WANTS SURVEY TEAM TO HAVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
CONCERNING VISIT TO IRAQ:

QUOTE 1. AS OF APRIL 12, THOMAS COOK BAGHDAD HAS HAD NO RPT NO  
WORD FROM THOMAS COOK WASHINGTON ABOUT SURVEY TEAM'S REQUEST FOR  
HOTEL RESERVATIONS. NOR HAS USINT RECEIVED FISCAL DATA REQUESTED  
PARA THREE REF TO PERMIT US MAKE REQUIRED DEPOSITS. ADVISE.

2. ASSUME TEAM'S PLANNED OVERLAND ARRIVAL IN BASRA IS FROM IRAN  
NOT RPT NOT KUWAIT. ADVISE. UNDERSTAND IRAN-TO-IRAQ CROSSING IS  
FEASIBLE. PARTY SHOULD MAKE SURE VISAS FOR IRAQ HAVE NOT RPT  
NOT EXPIRED AND ARE NOT RPT NOT LIMITED TO TRAVEL BY AIR. ASSUME  
TEAM HAS MADE INDEPENDENT HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR BASRA.

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3. MRS. AZAWI REMAINS IN TOUCH WITH USINT AND WE STRONGLY RPT STRONGLY REITERATE OUR EARLIER RECOMMENDATIONS THAT TEAM WORK WITH HER. SHE IS NOW LINING UP EXCELLENT POTENTIAL CONTACTS IN BAGHDAD AND IS CHECKING WITH STATE ORGANIZATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (SOAD) TO ATTEMPT SECURE APPROVAL OF PROGRAM PROPOSED BY NATIONAL RENDERERS ASSOCIATION IN RECENT CABLE TO SOAD PRESIDENT DR. HUSSAIN AL-ANI (STATE 078654 NOTAL).

4. GROUP SHOULD UNDER NO RPT NO CIRCUMSTANCES VISIT BASRA PORT AREA WITHOUT FORMAL PERMISSION FROM GOI, WHICH HAS SHOWN EXTREME RELUCTANCE GRANT SUCH PERMISSION TO OTHER AMERICAN GROUPS. TEAM WILL RECALL (PARA FOUR REF) USINT'S ADVICE THAT TRAVEL TO BASRA WAS UNNECESSARY AND SHOULD BE CLEARED BY SOAD.

5. DOES GROUP WISH MRS. AZAWI TO MEET IN BASRA? SHE WILLING TO DO SO. SINCE BASRA VISIT IS, IN OUR JUDGMENT, UNNECESSARY TO ACHIEVE PURPOSE OF TEAM'S IRAQ VISIT, USINT HAS NO RPT NO BASIS FOR RECOMMENDING SHE JOIN TEAM IN BASRA, BUT WE BELIEVE THIS IS MATTER TEAM CAN DECIDE FOR ITSELF. ADVISE. UNQUOTE.

PLEASE CONTACT USINT BAGHDAD ASAP. KISSINGER

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